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Sailors' Union of the Pacific Answers ILWU-CIO Negotiating Committee

Sailors' Union of the Pacific, through its secretary-treasurer, Harry Lundeborg, forwarded to various Labor organizations, both AFL and CIO, a letter answering a communication from International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, CIO, clearly defining the SUP's position relative to the Steamschooner Agreement under their jurisdiction. Considerable publicity has been given this matter by the CIO in their current difficulties. The following letter, addressed to the CIO union, was read at the October 11 meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council. While the letter is lengthy, it is herewith reprinted for the concise information and position taken by the sailors' union.

October 7, 1946.

INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION—CIO,
604 Montgomery Street,
San Francisco 11, California.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

We are in receipt of a letter from your organization dated October 4, 1946, and signed by Harry Bridges, Chairman, ILWU Longshore Negotiating Committee.

We read with interest your explanation in regard to your difficulties with the Waterfront Employers in regard to longshore negotiations. We, however, take exception to one part of your letter which we do feel is no part of the Longshore Negotiating Committee's business. We quote from your letter:

"To further expose such phony stalling, the ILWU said it was willing to see steamschooner sailors get paid the longshore rate of pay, and to work under a six-hour day when working cargo on steamschooners as members of the SUP."

For your information, the membership of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, at this time and at no other time has any intention of turning over negotiations of contracts affecting steamschooner sailors to your organization or any other organization.

We feel that no one else is competent to negotiate our agreements except ourselves. Our Steamschooner Agreement has been negotiated by members of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific elected off the job. The agreement has been adopted by the membership of the sailors' union, has been accepted, and has been signed. The membership of the sailors' union is quite satisfied with our agreement.

May we point out to your organization that an able-bodied seaman in the steamschooners receives \$180 per month, and the winch-driver receives \$210 per month. They work under a 40-hour week in port and 48 hours at

sea for the watches. While working cargo in port, they receive 25 cents per hour extra, and the overtime rate is \$1.45 per hour.

Our members in the steamschooners receive the best food on the coast. We see to that. Besides their regular meals, they are entitled to midnight meals, plus coffee time at certain hours during the day. This is, of course, part of the contract between the SUP and the ship-owners.

Furthermore, a man also receives his room in the steamschooners, as in other ships, and, for your information, our organization has improved the conditions to the point where they compare favorably with any \$3 room ashore.

From impartial government figures, it is estimated that the food per man in steamschooners runs to \$90 per month.

Moreover, steamschooner sailors do not have to travel miles to the job. They are right aboard a ship at the job and it takes them only five minutes from their bunks to turn to, if they so desire, in the hold of the ship; while the longshoremen must travel long distances to their work and plug into the hiring halls, etc.

It is a conservative estimate that the men sailing on the steamschooners on the Pacific Coast on deck, average at least \$400 per month, when all taxes are taken out. We know of no longshoremen on the Pacific Coast who make this type of money. So, you can readily understand, we do not wish outsiders to interfere with our contract—particularly, when the conditions of the longshoremen do not come up to the conditions now enjoyed by the steamschooner sailors in their own agreement.

We further wish to point out that the Sailors' Union of the Pacific does not, at any time, attempt to meddle into other organization's negotiations, and we do not desire others to meddle into ours.

Regardless of what your letter states, "that you have

no intention of interfering with the SUP's jurisdiction of working cargo in the steamschooners," the records prove otherwise.

Through the agitation of some of your officials, your organization has constantly sniped at the SUP membership working cargo in the steamschooners. There are numerous instances where your organization has refused to give front men to the sailors' hatch. There are other instances where your members have refused to work in the same hold with sailors, when two gangs are employed in one hold. At other times, your organization has attempted to dictate what time of day or night sailors should work cargo and what hatch sailors should work cargo in. These are matters of record, which we will furnish to you at any time you may desire.

So, all this talk about having no desire to take the sailors' work in the steamschooners over, does not sit right with us.

As you well know, the sailors' union has worked cargo on steamschooners on this coast ever since ships have sailed. As you further know, from time to time there have been controversies between the sailors' union and the longshoremen in regard to sailors' work, and we wish to point out to you that the question of jurisdiction in steamschooner work was decided by Samuel Gompers in 1907, who then was the President of the American Federation of Labor. He was appointed to arbitrate the issue by the AFL convention, and he ruled in favor of the sailors. This ruling is called the "Samuel Gompers Award."

In order that you may know the position of the sailors' union, we wish to point the following out to you:

1—The Sailors' Union of the Pacific, as an organization, will pledge its whole-hearted support to the longshoremen in their fight for a legitimate contract, and we have always done so.

2—The Sailors' Union of the Pacific will fight any attempt by your organization, or any other organization, to take over the jurisdiction of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific in the steamschooners.

3—We are prepared to put the full resources of our organization to fight any attempt by outside sources to take over our jurisdiction or to disrupt our organization.

We wish you speedy success in your present controversy with the Waterfront Employers, and hope you will be able to negotiate an agreement to the complete satisfaction of your membership. We remain, very truly yours,
HL:TK HARRY LUNDEBERG, Secretary-Treasurer.
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Veterans in Hospitals Increase 29 Per Cent

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—There has been a 29 per cent increase since V-J Day in the number of veteran patients in its hospitals and homes and in other hospitals under contract, Veterans' Administration announced.

The total on September 12 was 104,612 patients, compared with 81,081 on V-J Day.

VA said the biggest increase occurred among World War II veterans with non-service-connected disabilities. The number of such patients rose from 10,338 to 24,437, an increase of 136 per cent.

The number of World War II veterans receiving medical care for service-connected disabilities increased from 11,593 to 17,476, a rise of 51 per cent.

The smallest gain reported was in the number of veterans of other wars and of peacetime service receiving medical attention. They increased from 50,032 to 50,369, a gain of two-thirds of 1 per cent.

U.S. Promises Aid to Job Offices

WASHINGTON (ILNS)—Assurance that the federal government will give the States utmost co-operation in administering public employment offices has been given by Under Secretary of Labor Keen Johnson. Discussing the return of the U. S. Employment Service to the States on November 15, the Labor Department official told the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies that one of the most significant responsibilities of the federal government in the program is to provide leadership, suggest and promote courses of action which will assure efficient administration.

National Orders Bank Election

OAKLAND—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered a collective bargaining election to be held among the employees of East Bay branches of the Bank of America. The election is to determine if the bank's employees wish to be represented by the Office Employees' International Union, Local 29, AFL. Approximately 550 employees of the bank in the cities of Oakland, Emeryville, Alameda, San Leandro and Hayward will be eligible to vote.

John Kinnick, secretary-treasurer of Office Employees' International Union, No. 29, stated that the NLRB ruling has the effect of making possible 20 separate elections for Bank of America employees in the State of California. In other words, it will not be necessary to organize the State as a whole, but it can be done district by district.

The NLRB order provided that the election is to be held within 30 days. This will be the largest collective bargaining election for bank employees west of St. Louis and the first to be held for employees of a Statewide branch bank.

Massachusetts Court Rules Out Vote on Anti-union Bill

BOSTON (ILNS)—A law proposed by initiative petition to prohibit Labor unions from using their funds for political purposes will not appear as a question for the Massachusetts voters this fall, the Massachusetts Supreme Court has ruled. The court held that the proposal violates the unions' rights of freedom of press and assembly.

AFL Membership

CHICAGO (ILNS)—American Federation of Labor membership has reached 7,151,808, passing the 7,000,000 mark for the first time in history, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany reports. A year ago the Federation counted 6,931,221 paid members, and 10 years ago, 3,422,398 members.

New Affiliate for UAW-AFL

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AFLN)—Employees of the Auto Parts Company of this city have become the newest unit to join the United Automobile Workers of America (AFL).

NLRB Now Fairer to AFL, Convention Is Informed

CHICAGO (ILNS)—Although sharply criticizing the policy of the National Labor Relations Board in cases involving American Federation of Labor unions, the Federation's executive council declared that under the board's new chairman, Paul M. Herzog, the AFL has received "somewhat more fair treatment" than it received in the past.

But "there still remains much room for improvement," the council told the Federation's 65th annual convention. "There are a number of holdovers among the staff of the NLRB who are definitely and clearly anti-AFL," the council said, adding:

"Those policies of the board which are so glaringly biased and detrimental to the interests of the AFL must be abandoned under the new board in order that there can be a fair and equitable administration of the act which will carry out its purposes as they were originally intended by Congress."

Rubber Company Accused

CLEVELAND (ILNS)—A National Labor Relations Board examiner ruled here that the B. F. Goodrich Co. of Akron, Ohio, was guilty of an unfair labor practice in refusing to bargain collectively with the Foreman's Association of America, an independent organization. The NLRB regional office said that Examiner Charles W. Schneider recommended that the company be ordered to cease and desist from its refusal, and to cease interfering in any manner with the union's attempt to bargain for floor foremen, shift foremen, chief schedulers and others. The report was the result of a hearing conducted by Schneider on a complaint filed by the union.

Organizing Campaign by Shoe and Textile Clerks

An organizing campaign in the clothing departments of Foreman & Clark, and Hastings, has been inaugurated by Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen's Union, No. 410. Chief among the objectives of organization, other than working conditions and wages, is the union shop, stated William Silverstein, the union's secretary. "We desire that these places be organized for a two-fold purpose. Naturally, we want our people to be employed under provisions of a union contract. Through that instrument we then know that all union people can freely patronize these places feeling that the firms are fair to the union and Labor. Customers of the stores in question can confer upon the union a great favor by demanding union clerks to serve them and union labels on the merchandise presented. In that way all concerned will profit by the organization," Silverstein stated further.

The union recently published with co-operation of the Union Label Section of the Labor Council a booklet listing shoe and clothing stores operating under contract. The list was reprinted in the *Labor Clarion* and is available at the offices of the union, 149 Powell street, or through the Label Section, 2940 Sixteenth street.

Anniversary Ball to Be Given

Department Store Employees' Union, No. 1100, will entertain with their ninth anniversary ball and stage show Saturday night, October 19, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Dancing will commence at 9 p. m. Among those taking part in the stage presentation will be the Helen O'Neil Dancers, Jackson and Blackwell, and the Mad Hatters. Admission is \$1. Tickets may be obtained at the union's offices, 149 Powell street, or at the auditorium the night of the ball.

Deaths in Labor's Ranks

IN SAN FRANCISCO

Nogues, John—October 8; Bartenders' 41.
Dineen, Cornelius—October 9; Bartenders' 41.
Blair, William—October 10; Cooks' 44.
Jester, Elmore D.—October 11; Bartenders' 41.
Shaw, Benjamin—October 11; Bartenders' 41.
Crowley, John P.—October 12; Cemetery Workers.
Sweeney, Paul J.—October 12; Carmen's 1380.
Davidson, Henry W.—October 13; Electricians' 6.
Martin, Alfred—October 15; Chauffeurs' 265.

OUTSIDE SAN FRANCISCO

Specht, William—In San Anselmo, Calif., October 8; Teamsters' 85.
Fieber, Clarence—In San Mateo, Calif., October 13; Butchers' 508.
Thompson, Raymond T.—In Oak Knoll, Calif., October 14; Retail Delivery Drivers' 278.

Local Upholsterers' Union Gains Wage Increases, Job Conditions

Recently completed negotiations with eight plants in the upholstery industry in the San Francisco Bay area brought increased wages averaging 15 per cent for all job classifications for members of Upholsterers' Union, No. 28. Also gained for the negotiations was an extra week's vacation for two years' employment. Negotiations were conducted with the San Francisco Employers' Council, who represented the Northern California Furniture Manufacturers' Association of which the eight large firms are members.

Business Representative Angelo Campi stated that under the agreement, approximately 90 former members of the armed services are employed under provisions of the California State Apprentice Committee. In the current dispute between casket workers and their employers, no members of Local 28 are affected presently.

Proposed State 4% Sales Tax Severely Criticized

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—The burden of taxation upon the working people of the State was described to the Senate Committee on State and Local Taxation at a hearing in Sacramento on October 15, 1946, by the California State Federation of Labor's attorney, Charles Scully. The presentation was divided into two parts, an analysis of the present tax structure of the State, and a discussion of new sources of revenue to meet increasing costs of government.

The retail sales tax has become the most important source of revenue for the State. For the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 1946, the retail sales tax accounted for 38.2 per cent of all the revenues received from general taxes and license fees. The tax has remained at this high level for at least the last seven fiscal years. Even the reduction in rates in 1943 has had no effect on the revenues received by the State.

The proposal to increase the sales tax to 4 per cent was severely criticized. This tax is an unfair one, placing the greatest burden on those who can least afford to pay it. If adopted, it would mean an increase of 60 per cent, and would further increase the importance of the sales tax to the State's revenue. If other taxes had remained constant and the sales tax had been increased to 4 per cent, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, the sales tax would have accounted for nearly 50 per cent of the State's revenue rather than 38 per cent.

An important proposal was a complete revision of the inheritance tax, which at present is an insignificant one. The federation proposed that the State adopt a rate of 100 per cent on all estates over \$100,000.

Bail for Anti-Peonage Strikers

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—Six strikers from the Civilian Public Service Camp in Big Flats, N. Y., are out in \$1,000 bail each following an appeal by the Workers' Defense League. U. S. District Judge John Knight, who sentenced the strikers to 18 months, had refused bail. The bail was finally granted by U. S. Circuit Judge Charles Clark at New Haven, Conn., after the men had spent three weeks in county jail. The WDL is now appealing their conviction to the U. S. circuit court of appeals.

AFL May Come to S.F.

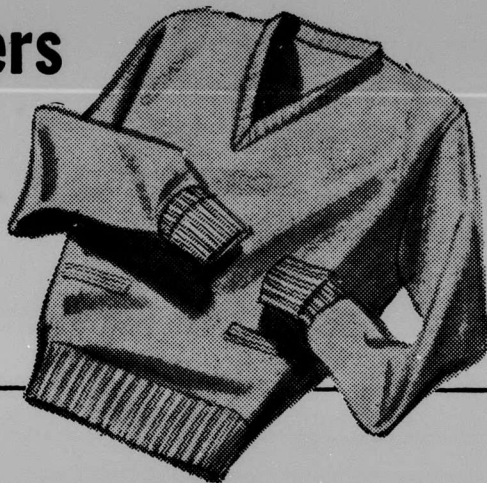
Labor Council delegate to the AFL convention, Tony Costa, telegraphed from Chicago requesting permission of the council to invite the American Federation of Labor to convene the 1947 convention in this city. The matter was referred to the executive committee with full power to act. As we go to press the decision of the committee was not known.

Heads Chicago Federation

CHICAGO (AFLN)—William Lee, head of the Bakery Drivers' Union and vice-president of Chicago Federation of Labor, was unanimously elected president as successor to John Fitzpatrick, veteran midwest Labor leader. The nomination of Mr. Lee, who was unopposed, followed a tribute to Mr. Fitzpatrick by Victor Olander, secretary of the federation.

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Labor Press Editors Hit Rackets in Advertising

CHICAGO (AFLN)—Delegates to the annual convention of the International Labor Press of America, representing close to 200 Labor papers, in session here vigorously condemned the "boiler-room racket" in the advertising field.

Delegates to the convention called attention to a rapidly widespread practice under which advertising promoters from New York and other large cities telephone business men in scattered cities and say:

"We represent the American Federation of Labor and would like an advertisement from your firm for our publication."

Such representations, the Labor Press delegates were assured, are strictly fictional and have no official support of any division of the American Federation of Labor.

One of the highlights of the editors' convention here was a testimonial dinner in honor of R. E. Woodmansee, secretary-treasurer of the group for 36 years and who declined renomination.

The convention re-elected Matthew Woll as president and elected Lewis M. Herrmann secretary-treasurer. Frank B. Powers of Washington, D. C., was advanced from second to first vice-president. Other vice-presidents are Frank X. Martel, Detroit; Thomas R. Downie, Detroit; Al Magnuson, Denver; Ruth Taylor, New York; Stanton Dann, Mobile; W. B. Arnold, San Antonio; Arnold Zander, Madison, Wis., and Freeman M. Saltus, Worcester, Mass.

State Civil Service Exams

Call for *Assistant Machine Parts Storekeeper* has been issued by the State Personnel Board. The latest date for filing application with board's offices in Sacramento or San Francisco is October 31; examinations will be had on November 21. The position is for a machine parts storeroom. Salary range is listed at \$170-\$210.

Also called is a position for a *Vertical Hi-Speed Pressman* for the State Printing Office at Sacramento at the prevailing rate of pay. Final application date is October 29, with examination date given as November 19. Application should be filed at Sacramento or San Francisco.

Something for Philatelists

It has been announced that a United States Postoffice will be established in the Exhibition Hall of the 1946 Union Label and Industrial Exhibition in St. Louis from October 29 through November 3. A special cachet will be applied to all incoming and outgoing mail. Send your "covers" to the postmaster of St. Louis, Mo., or to friends, requesting this unique cachet commemorating the exhibition of union labels and union services.

Card Party

Women members of Civil Service Janitors, 66-A, will give a card party Thursday evening, October 24, at 109 Golden Gate avenue, as their contribution to State Senator John F. Shelley's campaign for Lieutenant Governor. A gala evening has been planned with whist and bingo as part of the evening's entertainment. A small admission price of 50 cents will be charged. Edna Pellissier and Celeste Parry will be co-chairmen for the affair.

Secretary O'Connell Home

Returning to San Francisco after visiting in the East, Labor Council Secretary John A. O'Connell is back at his desk. His visit East included stops in New York, Boston and Chicago where he met with and enjoyed the hospitality of the "boys." Several days were spent at the convention of the American Federation of Labor in Chicago. Mrs. O'Connell accompanied John on the trip.

Union Label Column

The 1946 Union Label and Industrial Exhibition is on the "ways" and ready to be launched on October 29 in the new Municipal Auditorium in St. Louis, Mo. It will last throughout the week, until November 3, and will be the most outstanding of Labor events of the year.

One of the most interesting exhibits is being planned by William C. Doherty, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, and Leo E. George, President of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, in co-operation with the United States Post Office Department, the Postmaster at St. Louis, and the local postal unions.

A United States post office will be established in the exhibition hall and a special cachet will be stamped on all incoming and outgoing mail. For the first time, the public will be given full opportunity to observe what happens inside a post office after the mail is dropped into the letter slot. They will see post office clerks in the act of preparing their letters and cards for cancellation, the operation of canceling by hand as well as by the new cancellation machines, and their operation, distribution and dispatch. It will not be a model, but a genuine post office consisting of stamp and money order windows, an information counter, pick-up tables, canceling machines, primary and secondary distribution cases, and a dispatch section, fully manned and doing the actual work of processing mail for dispatch and actual delivery by letter carriers. In addition to the new streamlined transportation units, special arrangements are being made to display a helicopter in the concourse in front of the auditorium.

The Letter Carriers' 100-piece band and the Post Office Clerks' drum and fife corps, both of St. Louis, will furnish music during the day and evening.

I. M. Ornburn, director of the exhibition, stated that the post office exhibit, arranged through the co-operation of the NALC and NFPOC unions in conjunction with the United States Post Office Department, is only one of the unusual displays that will be seen at Union Labor's big show. He also announced that the exhibition is the opening gun of a mighty crusade to urge all American consumers to demand Union Label goods and to use Union services. He said that it is the only way for members of unions and their families to maintain our high American Labor standards and he hoped that all members of Labor unions and their families would attend the AFL Union Label and Industrial Exhibition on October 29 to November 3 in St. Louis' beautiful auditorium.

Conditions Better In Alabama

MOBILE (AFLN)—Local Union 991 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers recently announced the signing of a standard city pickup and delivery contract with the Gulf City Transfer and Storage Company of this city. The agreement grants substantial wage increases to employees and improved working conditions.

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Report of 'Dixie' Drive Given by AFL Council

CHICAGO (ILNS)—Reporting on the big Southern organization campaign, the American Federation of Labor executive council said that more than 900 new collective bargaining relationships have been established as a result of the drive.

The council said the total increase in AFL union membership had been 120,000 and cited the following examples of the gains:

"The Southern Conference of Teamsters has organized and secured union agreements with 99 new companies; Cement, Lime and Gypsum have added 6,000; Hotel and Restaurant, 1,500; Printing Pressmen, 3,000; the Bricklayers an approximate 10 per cent increase; the Electrical Workers won 1,000 members in the Arkansas Power Company by a Statewide system election; 2,000 fishermen were organized under a new Southern Atlantic charter; the Laundry Workers have organized 31 additional laundries including all the laundries of Lake Charles, Louisiana; 16 new unions of Teachers; 12 new specialty print shops under union shop contracts; office workers in 10 large cities organized and now under contract; three fabricated house manufacturers; police force in 15 southern cities; 2,000 clay processors organized in rural Georgia. In the textile industry organization was slowed down by the 8 per cent increase announced July 1. Campaigns are under way in many plants in each of which hundreds of cards have been signed."

Ladies to Be Omitted?

CHICAGO (AFLN)—A request has been presented to the AFL Executive Council by the International Ladies' Handbag Luggage Belt and Novelty Workers' Union for a permit to change its name. The new name suggested is the International Handbag Luggage and Novelty Workers' Union, with the omission of the word "Ladies."

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Meat Decontrolled

President Truman's message to the people of the United States on Monday evening, October 14, were received with mixed feelings. It can be said that he lashed out at those Congressional leaders who have impaired legislation calculated to protect people from high prices. Some will read into his message the taint of political partisanship. We cannot conceive that the President of the United States would make pawns of the people. We discount such talk as mouthings of those who would reduce the standard of living to that of the dreary past. In lifting control of meat prices, the President has placed squarely on the shoulders of the meat industry the responsibility of maintaining prices consistent with their pleas for freedom of action. The same responsibility is also placed on the shoulders of other industries producing commodity goods. The people of the United States will not be pushed around by greedy groups. They will purchase goods within a fair profit scope. The meat situation is now up to all segments of the industry and it is up to them to make good.

Jurisdictional Strikes

The action of the Metal Trades Department of the AFL in setting up machinery for settling jurisdictional disputes should receive the applause of Labor, Public and Management. The plan outlined commences with the local setup for settlement in 24 hours; if not settled, the dispute is automatically referred to the international presidents for adjudication, thence, if no settlement in 96 hours, a referee is chosen by the international representatives. The referee's decision would be binding. This setup recognizes that disputes will arise from time to time. These disputes often receive wide publicity. The average jurisdictional strike is not popular with the workers, with employers or the public. The step initiated by the Metal Trades is right and proper and it is hoped similar steps by other groups will follow. Of course, the communists will not welcome such moves by Labor, for one of their chief methods of raising trouble has been the jurisdictional "beefs."

Pictureless Cartoon

An old Negro minister, in a sermon on Hell, pictured it as a region of ice and snow, where the damned froze through eternity.

"Why do you tell your congregation that Hell is a cold place?" asked the visiting bishop.

"I don't dare tell them people nothing else, Bishop. Why, if I was to say that Hell was warm, some of them old rheumatic gents would be wanting to start down the first frost."

Clarion Calls

By TEMPLE SNOOPER

On Sunday, October 13th, Vera Mahoney again walked off—or should we say rode off with another prize—taking second place at the rodeo held near Half Moon Bay!

Via the grapevine we hear that Tony Costa was grounded at Cheyenne, Wyoming, because of a snow-storm while on his way to the AFL convention in Chicago. He was minus his long red underwear. Boy, how he suffered!

Leaving on a camping trip vacation along the Feather river and all points north is Frances Shannon and her family.

We wonder if some of the disappointed expressions seen around the Labor Temple were caused by the Cardinal victory in the World Series???

This columnist extends deepest sympathy to Rowland Woodfin, advertising manager of the *Labor Clarion*, whose mother passed away this week.

Unemployment Insurance Disability Benefits

Following is the second in a series of four articles in question and answer form dealing with pertinent facts about the Unemployment Compensation Disability Benefits program. All highly technical language has been omitted, yet the essential facts presented should make these articles informative to our readers.

Question—Are there exceptions to the requirement of a physician's certificate?

Answer—Yes. If a worker adheres to the teachings of a bona fide church, sect, denomination or organization which depends on prayer or spiritual means for healing, the Department will accept a certificate from a duly accredited practitioner of such organization. Osteopaths and chiropractors may sign the certificates.

Question—Where must the claim for disability insurance be filed?

Answer—First claims must be mailed to the Department of Employment office in Sacramento, using the claim form furnished by the Department.

Question—Where may the claim forms be obtained?

Answer—Claim forms may be obtained from local offices of the Department of Employment, doctors, and others to be designated later.

Question—May claims be filed by mail?

Answer—Yes. All claims and other required documents relating thereto are to be filed by mail, except in those cases where the claimant is notified by the Department of Employment that a personal appearance or examination will be required.

Question—Does the State specify the doctor or practitioner who is to attend the worker?

Answer—No. The worker may choose his own doctor or practitioner, except in cases where the Department requires an additional examination.

Question—Is a waiting period required before disability insurance is payable?

Answer—Yes. The law requires a waiting period of seven consecutive days during each spell of disability before disability insurance will be paid. No benefits will be paid for such waiting periods.

Question—Are disability insurance payments made weekly?

Answer—Not ordinarily. Disability insurance payments will be made bi-weekly, except in special cases where the California Employment Stabilization Commission may approve weekly payments.

With California Labor Editors

From EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL (OAKLAND)

No Meat, But Packers' Profits Still Zoom

The *Wall Street Journal* assures us that while housewives are having a terrible time getting a little meat the profits of the big packers "will compare favorably" with 1945 and may surpass that luscious year.

The *Journal* offers three explanations. At the top of the list is "elimination of excess profits taxes." Congress is responsible for that.

Our lawmakers didn't reduce the income tax of the man who works, but it cleared the way for profiteers to pile up their gains, even if they didn't produce as much beef and other things as the people desired.

These pleasant prospects are not confined to the packers. The Southeastern Greyhound Lines has applied to the I.C.C. for permission to declare a 100 per cent stock dividend.

The Greyhound accumulated such a monumental surplus during the war that in December, 1944, it announced a 100 per cent stock dividend, which increased the number of outstanding shares from 271,409 to 542,818. Now it proposes to double the latter figure.

Thus stockholders will have four times as many shares as they had two years ago, and they haven't invested an additional cent.

This is all very startling and somewhat disturbing, but have you read a word of criticism in any newspaper? What would happen to a Labor union which proposed to increase its members' wages 300 per cent in less than two years?

Your Stake in World Affairs

Question—How many languages are used by the 51 United Nations?

Answer—Twenty languages are spoken by the United Nations. The UN, however, has five official languages: French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and English. Chinese is spoken by the most people—almost 458,000,000 people speak Chinese, while about 212,000,000 speak English.

What Next?

Production rates of railway car wheels are increased tenfold with a new boring machine designed by Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Co. and installed in three of its plants. Using carbide-tipped tools, the machine feeds a rotating combination drilling and boring tool into the hub of a stationary car wheel instead of rotating a car wheel under a stationary drill.

Community Chest Information Service

By FRANK FITZGERALD

Question—My wife and I are worried about our 27-year-old daughter who is becoming hard of hearing. She is very unhappy. She shrinks from meeting new people and is embarrassed about seeing old friends. She is afraid that she will be unable to hold her position as a secretary in an export firm. What can we do?

Answer—By all means have your daughter contact the San Francisco Society for the Hard of Hearing, a Community Chest agency, at 126 Post street. The society provides audiometer testing, assistance in securing hearing aids, employment counselling, and recreation which the hard of hearing can enjoy. Your daughter might like to join the society's group of young people, including a number of war-deafened veterans of World War II, which cooks dinner and arranges its own recreation program once a week at the society's headquarters. If it seems advisable for your daughter to change her type of work on account of her handicap, the society may refer her to the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education for retraining and placement in a more suitable occupation.

Your Taxes and Mine The Personal Income Tax

By ARTHUR A. ELDER

Tax experts agree that the personal income tax, properly graduated, is the best kind of tax.

It took a long, hard battle to establish the income tax in the United States, and it finally required an amendment to the Constitution, adopted in 1913, to settle the question.

The best feature of the graduated income tax is that it places the burden of taxes on those best able to pay. This is a basic democratic aim.

There was a time when almost no wage earners ever had to pay or bother with the income tax. It was, actually, a tax on the well-to-do. Of course, wage earners paid plenty of indirect taxes, though taxes on tobacco, liquor, amusements, and import duties and excise taxes, but few of them realized that they were paying as much as 20 per cent of their income to the government.

Now that government expenditures have skyrocketed due to the cost of the war and the post-war necessities of the Nation, the income tax hits all who earn a living. Since it is deducted from their regular pay checks, the workers feel it every pay day, and knowing just how big a chunk it takes out of their earnings.

Economists believe that any tax that cuts down on the amount of goods and services that can be bought is a bad tax. The minute goods become plentiful, with the return of high levels of civilian production, any restriction on consumption starts us on the road to depression.

That's why Labor is so insistent that income tax exemptions should be higher, rates on people in the lower brackets should be cut, and that the rates on people in middle and upper income brackets should be kept high. Only if the mass of the people can buy all the products that we can manufacture, do we have a chance of avoiding depression and disaster.

Curtin's Corner

By JOHN H. CURTIN

Member S. F. Typographical Union 21

Judging from present and past performances, the Republican Party and the Democratic Party are merely two sets of politicians fighting over the spoils of public office. The current airing of causes of shortages is a case in point. If either party could have done anything about these shortages, they should have done it, for the welfare of the American people, and not wait until an election to try and make political capital of our Nation's distress. We are a great country, not because of politicians, but in spite of them.

While this is all going on, there are the Communists and other troublemakers who came to this land to seek liberty and remain to promote strife. They try to pit Organized Labor against groups of veterans, and do not care for the welfare of either. In the same way they use one foreign-born group against another. I do not believe anyone who makes his living in the United States should place the name of a foreign country and a hyphen ahead of the word, "American." Let everyone vote as he sees fit, but as a citizen of the United States and not as a representative of a foreign power.

These are the UNITED States. Labor, Capital, foreign-born, native-born, economic and veterans' groups have a stake in THIS country. Together we can win, not only wars, not only peace, not only prosperity; but the clean, honest decency which is the hard-won privilege of free men who walk the earth in a free nation.

Labor Clarion

San Mateo County Golf Clubs Cited

In an endeavor to organize workers at Burlingame Golf and Country Club and the Peninsula Golf and Country Club golf courses, Florists, Landscapers, Golf and Nursery Workers' Union, No. 167, met with some difficulties that resulted in the union requesting the San Mateo Central Labor Council to cite the clubs to show cause why they should not be placed on the SMLC's "We Don't Patronize" list.

The San Mateo council complied with the request and granted the union permission to place pickets around the clubs. Additionally, the matter was placed in the hands of the AFL Organizing Committee of San Mateo County for further study. At the last meeting of the committee it was decided to place pickets around the Burlingame Golf and Country Club on Monday, October 28. Picketing of the Peninsula Golf and Country Club will take place later.

The union, through its Business Representative, Eugene Guiney, states that all golf clubs from Burlingame up and in San Francisco are organized and have been operating under union contracts for several years. The union desires that those union members contemplating playing at one or the other of the above clubs be guided accordingly and arrange their golfing at a course "fair" to Organized Labor.

New York City's Labor Dispute Agency Averts Its First Strike

NEW YORK CITY (ILNS)—The newly created Division of Labor Relations of the city government has settled its first Labor dispute. Edward C. Maguire, division director, announced that a strike of several thousand employees in the furniture industry had been averted by the settlement.

Officials of Local 138, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Maguire said, had signed a one-year contract with the furniture employers' group, replacing the agreement that expired Monday. The new contract reduces the work week from 45 hours to 40 hours and provides a wage increase of \$3 a week.

Cement Making Takes Less Time

WASHINGTON—It takes 12 per cent fewer man-hours today to produce 100 barrels of cement than it did 12 years ago. This is the finding of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, which has completed the first in a series of studies on labor requirements which help to estimate the "behind-the-line" employment required for any given level of construction activity. Fifty-two plants, producing about 47.5 million barrels of cement annually, were surveyed. A year's output, it was found, would take about 23 million man-hours of work, or 48.4 man-hours per 100 barrels produced. A study made in 1934 showed 55.0 man-hours per 100 barrels were required.

Plan Shelley Broadcast

Drawing to a conclusion their campaign on behalf of State Senator John F. Shelley's candidacy for Lieutenant Governor of the State of California, the committee of women delegates to the San Francisco Labor Council have mapped plans for a Statewide radio broadcast, date to be announced later. In addition, the women have perfected plans for a "get-the-vote-out" campaign and will reach voters through the mail with literature. This particular group of women have worked with a zeal unequalled in political campaigns and a large amount of credit should go to them for their efforts.

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State Employment Figures for Six-Year Period

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLN)—The following figures for California have been released by the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, for the State of California, and gives a comparison for the different brackets of employment during the six-year period, August 1940 to August 1946. Other figures compare estimates between August 1946, July 1946 and August 1945.

Manufacturing employment in California increased between July and August in all major industry groups except shipbuilding, petroleum refining, textile mill,

and leather products. Largest rise occurred in the food group as a result of sharp seasonal expansion in canning.

New all-time employment highs were reached in August in apparel, paper products, and stone, clay, and glass products. Employment in the nondurable goods group as a whole was at the highest level in the history of California.

Estimates of the number of production workers in manufacturing industries in California and in the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay industrial areas follow:

| | August 1946 | July 1946 | August 1945 | August 1940 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| California: | | | | |
| All manufacturing..... | 512,000 | 475,800 | 650,900 | 375,300 |
| Nondurable goods..... | 252,400 | 219,200 | 225,900 | 204,700 |
| Durable goods..... | 259,600 | 256,600 | 425,000 | 170,600 |
| Los Angeles Industrial Area: | | | | |
| All manufacturing..... | 233,100 | 230,700 | 314,900 | 154,700 |
| Nondurable goods..... | 94,900 | 93,300 | 89,700 | 65,800 |
| Durable goods..... | 138,200 | 137,400 | 225,200 | 88,900 |
| San Francisco Bay Industrial Area: | | | | |
| All manufacturing..... | 138,300 | 125,000 | 185,300 | 97,400 |
| Nondurable goods..... | 75,800 | 62,800 | 65,900 | 62,300 |
| Durable goods..... | 62,500 | 62,200 | 119,400 | 35,100 |

Lumber Workers Threatened In Santa Rosa; Assailants Cited

SANTA ROSA—Civil damage suit was filed here Tuesday, October 15, against a Santa Rosa truck driver arrested yesterday on criminal assault charges resulting from violence in the 275-days old strike of AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers for a union shop agreement from nine northwestern California-redwood lumber companies.

The suit, filed by former Santa Rosa city attorney L. G. Hitchcock, asked \$1,000 punitive damages and \$800 for loss of teeth from the truck driver, Walter West, 31, and his employer, the Sterling Lumber Company of Santa Rosa, charging them with liability for an "unprovoked assault."

West was arrested by Sheriff's deputies for alleged threatening with a revolver and beating Elmer E. Walker, 57, and William Williams, 54, Fort Bragg lumber workers, after they had followed a truckload of "unfair" lumber West was driving along a little-traveled road near here. West is at liberty on \$100 bail pending arraignment on charges of battery and brandishing a gun, punishable by fine, jail or both.

Pay Increase Awarded

DALLAS, Tex. (AFLN)—Approximately 8,000 building trades workers have received increases of 6 1/2 to 12 1/2 cents an hour here when the 21 unions of the Dallas Building Trades Council were awarded a two-year contract signed by the Associated General Contractors. This new agreement will bring increases to carpenters, painters, general building laborers, motor mixers and teamsters.

C. J. Grover Named to Organizing Staff of Leather Workers, No. 31

Leather and Novelty Workers' Union, No. 31, announced last week that Charles J. Grover has been appointed to the union's staff and will serve as organizer for the local. Together with the union's business representative, Brother Charles Bruno, they will put on a strong organizing campaign in the Bay area and down the Peninsula.

Brother Grover is well known to members of the Labor Movement in this city. He is presently president of the union and was formerly an active member of the Milk Wagon Drivers' Union. He has the good wishes of all in his new undertaking.

Co-Operation Seen Key

NEW YORK CITY (AFLN)—Close co-operation between Labor and management in reviving the New York millinery industry has increased its annual volume of business from \$77,000,000 to \$176,000,000 in 10 years, Nathaniel Spector, manager of the New York joint board of the Millinery Workers' Union (AFL), announced.

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Run o' the Hook

By C. M. BAKER,
President of Typographical Union No. 21

Union meets Sunday, October 20th, Labor Temple, 1 p.m. The Scale Committee will report a proposed newspaper contract for 1947 for adoption by the Union. The committee, on Monday and Tuesday of last week, heard all who had suggestions to advance as to provisions to be incorporated in the new contract and attempted to draft sections covering conditions desired by the membership. At the November meeting it will be necessary to adopt a commercial contract for 1947. The present newspaper contract calls for a 60-day notice and the job agreement 30 days. An unusually large attendance is expected.

John Barbe, machinist of the *Wall Street Journal*, will be off the job for several weeks as the result of the loss of the tip of a finger on his right hand. The accident occurred on October 5 when John was servicing one of the typesetting machines. The finger was severed midway between the tip and the first phalanx.

Press dispatches from the East state that an arbitration board had rendered an award favoring the International Printing Pressmen's Union in its attempt to unionize the R. R. Donnelley & Sons (Lakeside Press) of Chicago, which had been notoriously anti-union since the 8-hour strike in 1906. The award, however, fixes "as a measure of responsibility" payment by the union of \$4.50 an hour for time lost on presses "due to refusal to work." That particular provision, in all likelihood, eliminates any possibility of the pressmen refusing to handle the forms from the non-union composing room.

The ITU, having taken over the negotiations for a new commercial contract for Washington, D. C., through Vice-President Brown, ordered a referendum vote on October 10 upon a new scale calling for \$70.13 for day work and \$75.00 for nights. The proposal recommended by the International Union officer called for a two-year contract. The president of Washington union and the local scale committee issued circulars vigorously attacking the two-year contract recommended by the ITU official, urging rejection and charging that "all members of the 1946 book and job scale committee were excluded from the negotiations" by the ITU officer and "never consulted thereafter."

Miss Jessie Mattfeldt of the *Chronicle* Chapel suffered a broken leg in a fall last week and is at present a patient in Ward I, U. C. Hospital.

The *Los Angeles Herald-Express*, publication of which has been suspended since September 4 as a result of a strike by the Newspaper Guild, last week announced that the establishment would be closed completely; that payment of wages to non-striking employees would cease and that liquidation or re-establishment as an afternoon edition of a morning newspaper was being considered. The strike occurred when the newspaper refused to grant the Guild's demand for a minimum wage of \$100 weekly. The previous minimum had been \$70 and during negotiations, the union offered to reduce its demands by one-third.

"Al" Smith (*Wall Street Journal* Chapel) last week entered Fort Miley Veterans' Hospital for a physical checkup and possible operation. "Al," widely known in both job and newspaper branches, has announced that he will, in the near future, become a benedict. The bride-to-be is Miss Lucille Adair. Congratulations and best wishes, "Al."

At its recent convention in Cincinnati, the International Photoengravers' Union liberalized its apprentice ratios, looking toward relieving the manpower shortage in that industry.

Printers' Special Election

INDIANAPOLIS—Members of the International Typographical Union will vote Wednesday, October 23, on 14 proposed amendments to the ITU constitution and by-laws as submitted by the union's recent convention, and will also vote on one proposition submitted by the organization executive council. Interest centers around a proposition to establish a \$500,000 defense fund.

Future Food Prospects Good

WASHINGTON (AFLN)—The U. S. Department of Agriculture claims that civilian food supply prospects for 1947 are as good as 1946 and estimates that the per capita consumption is 15 per cent higher than before the war.

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Massachusetts Raises Minimum Wage Scale

BOSTON (ILNS)—A new minimum wage order, effective October 15, benefits thousands of the lowest paid white collar workers in Massachusetts. The new schedule of minimum pay will be on a trial basis for three months, until January 15, 1947. At the end of that period, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry may make permanent his "directory order."

Experienced clerical and technical workers in all general business offices, hospitals and radio broadcasting studios will receive a minimum of 60 cents an hour, or \$21.60 for a 36-hour week, under this order. Inexperienced employees will be paid a minimum of 55 cents an hour.

The existing wage law in Massachusetts, passed in 1937 and applicable only to women and children, established a minimum wage of \$16 a week for experienced clerical employees and \$15 for inexperienced clerical workers.

All messengers will now receive a basic wage rate of 55 cents an hour, or \$19.80 for a 36-hour week. Experienced messengers formerly were paid a minimum of \$13.50 a week. Beginners were paid a \$12-weekly minimum.

Federal wage law calls for a 40-cents-an-hour minimum. Most salaries, however, have been at or above the 55-cents-an-hour minimum established by the War Labor Board.

Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21

By J. ANN MCLEOD

The regular meeting of Woman's Auxiliary No. 21 to S. F. Typographical Union No. 21 was held Tuesday evening, October 5, in Sagamore Hall, Red Men's Building. Seven propositions to amend the International Constitution and By-Laws, submitted by the W.I.A. convention for referendum, were read and explained by Secretary Grace Young. These propositions to be voted upon at a special meeting, Tuesday, November 12. To prevent having two meetings in November, the members ruled to combine the special meeting with our regular November meeting. The special meeting to start promptly at 7:15 p.m. for the express purpose of voting upon the propositions. The regular meeting to follow immediately and no refreshments will be served after this meeting. All members should attend and vote on these propositions. Remember the date, Tuesday, November 12, at 7:15 p.m., one week earlier than usual.

Mrs. Augusta Gooler surprised the members with grapes from the ranch in Lodi. They were delicious and added to the enjoyment of pie and coffee provided by the entertainment committee.

The ways and means committee turned in the final report on the whist party and the affair was pronounced a success. The committee is still convinced that there must be an easier way to make money.

The date for the bazaar is set for December 4. It is to be held in the downstairs banquet room of the Red Men's Building.

The ways and means committee invites members and friends to a sewing bee to be held at the home of Mrs. Dorothea Heuring, 1375 Eighteenth avenue, Wednesday, October 23. Lunch will be served at 12 o'clock sharp so that the entire afternoon can be used for sewing. We will appreciate suggestions for making small saleable articles and are badly in need of bias tape and other materials, especially dish towels.

The auditing committee met at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Bardsley, Friday evening, October 11, and reported that Secretary Grace Young and Treasurer Bijou Blade kept their books in perfect order.

Mrs. Gertrude Wiles left for Long Beach, Wednesday, October 9. She has been trying to find an apartment or house in Long Beach with the intention of making her home there. If she gives up her residence in San Francisco she will still retain her membership in W. A. 21.

Mrs. Mary E. Haines, Vice-President of W. A. 21, and Bill Vernor, of *San Francisco News*, surprised their father, Bob Vernor, with a birthday dinner, October 15. Congratulations and best wishes to a great guy.

Secretary Grace Young requests the members to get busy on their essays so they will have them ready by the March meeting. The topic is "Why the Union Label Is Essential." The essay to contain not less than 100 words and no more than 200. She assures the members that it is very easy since grammar and spelling do not count, and you can get any and all help you can get. Joseph P. Bailey, secretary-treasurer of San Francisco Mailers' Union; Charles Crawford, editor of the *Labor Clarion*, and Joseph Green, president of Stereotypers' Union, have very graciously consented to judge the contest. If you can't write an essay, just send in a list of reasons "Why the Union Label Is Essential." Do not sign your name to your essay but mark with some identifying sign, enclose a similar sign with your name in a sealed envelope with your essay and send to Secretary Grace Young.

Union Printers Golf Assn.

By COLONEL BOGEY, U.S.P.G.A. (Ret.)

Just so you won't forget the date of the next tournament—it will be Sunday, October 27, at Sonoma Mission Inn Golf Course and the starting time is 10:30 a.m. It's about a 50-mile drive, so allow enough time to be there and have your shoes changed, secure a caddy cart and present yourself to the committee at the first tee promptly and on time. Harold Stone, the popular professional at the course, assures us the layout is in fine playing condition and the weather in the Valley of the Moon is superb at this, the Indian Summer season of the year. Sonoma is one of the most popular golf grounds with union printer swingers and a good time is in prospect for all those who make the trip. See you on the first tee—I hope!

President Charles "Steamie" Nicholson is going to take a few practice blows at Sonoma this weekend and will have everything in tip-top shape for association members the following Sunday. Several others have expressed the possibility that they may make a trial run over the layout, too.

Monday evening your board held its second meeting at the Twenty-fifth avenue home of Secretary Bob Smith. Practically a full board was in attendance and expressed delight with the results attained. The response to the card questionnaire was very gratifying. Nearly half the membership returned cards and the second Sunday of the month was virtually a unanimous choice for day of play beginning with the calendar year 1947. And the popular starting time was 10:30 a.m. Now let us hear from the East Bay golfers, there surely can be no objection to the second Sunday as it interferes in no way with any of the scheduled meetings of the local unions in either Oakland or San Francisco. So let's have bigger and better turnouts and maybe some intercity competition for, say, a ham sandwich and a bottle of beer, or some such delightful compensation for winning or losing the match. Are you listening, Joe?

And while on the subject, at the board meeting it was decided to have a special turkey order drawing at the November turnout. We as yet haven't heard from the management at Tilden Park, Berkeley, but that is the popular choice for November and with this intriguing layout and the turkey orders just before Thanksgiving the last tournament of the year should lack nothing in attractiveness—and it will be fun, too. Tilden, with its hills and dales, has had many of the members hankering for a return joust with the tricky Tilden Park acreage.

Just got word of Al Teel's recent hospitalization. Seems Al was incapacitated for about three weeks, but is back on Sansome Street again with his winning smile and anxious, yes even yearning, to get back to his golf again.

Also L. L. Sheveland, "Shev" to you, has returned to the swinging and putting once more. "Shev" gave evidence at Hillview that he is back on his stick and will be a menace to front runners in future affairs.

Paul Bauer and Art Linkous were knocking in pars at Sharp recently with alarming regularity. Art, as you know, is a tough cookie to win a dime from, and Paul seems to be powdering the pellet in satisfactory manner—which is good, and he shyly admits to a few "birds" now and then.

But the story that had them all shedding tears was one about Charles White. Seems Charley got red hot the other weekend at Sharp and knocked in a 79, which had Ted Van Hook, Fred Bartels, Percy Crebassa, Larry Hanson and one or two others diving into the folding-money pocket to pay off. And the screaming and moaning was such that old-timers at Sharp thought a return of depression days was at hand. Hanson even thought of giving up the game, but on second thought gave up the idea instead. When Charley's right he's hard to beat.

Ron Cameron asked Cy Stright if he was color blind. Seems Cy was driving home the other night and got the green light at a traffic crossing. But a guy who failed to see the red light ploughed right on through the intersection. Cy has good brakes so all he lost was a front bumper—and we mean that was all—but the possibilities were great for a fine smashup. But Cy was lucky and was saved to play another day. For which the *Examiner* "wolves" breathed thanks—Cy has been somewhat their "salmon" of late and to lose him would be a shock to "Fizzer" Forst, Ron Cameron, "Mayor" Kimbrough and "Doc" Schmieder. But wait until the "worm" turns—he'll get even!

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SYNOPSIS OF THE MEETING OF THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1946.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p. m. by Vice-President Rotell.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS—All present; Brother Rainbow acting as vice-president and Brother Johns acting as secretary. (President Shelley and Secretary O'Connell on leave of absence.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Minutes of previous meeting approved with the exception of the following correction: Donations to the Organizational and Strategy Committee—From Upholsterers No. 28—\$400; Jewelry Workers No. 36—\$50; Grocery Clerks No. 648—\$1,000; Asbestos Workers No. 29—\$28; Theatrical Stage Employees No. 16—\$150; Office Employees No. 29—\$100; Bartenders No. 41—\$2,000.

CREDENTIALS—Referred to the Organizing Committee: Sailors' Union of the Pacific—Walter Lubinski vice Ray Paull, and Steamfitters No. 590—Joseph Mazzola vice Michael Katz.

REPORT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE—(Meeting held Friday, October 11.) Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. Roll was called and absentees noted. The following were examined and having been found to possess the necessary qualifications, were recommended by your committee to be seated as delegates to this Council: Lumber Clerks No. 2559—John Vinal, and Steamfitters No. 590—Henry McGrath; Sailors' Union of the Pacific—Walter Lubinski. Meeting adjourned at 8 p. m. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

COMMUNICATIONS—Filed: From the Retail Shoe Clerks No. 410 and Teamsters No. 85, advising that they have adopted the resolution in reference to withdrawing the AFL members from the National Wage Stabilization Board. From the California State Council of Retail Clerks No. 2, enclosing a resolution in reference to the Apprentice Training Program outlined in the G.I. Bill of Rights. From I. M. Ornburn, Secretary-Treasurer, Union Label Trades Department, announcing the Union Label and Industrial Exhibition, October 29 to November 3, in St. Louis, Mo. From the Sanitary Truck Drivers, No. 350, in reference to their matter that has been referred to the Law and Legislative Committee. From the Regional Vice-President of the California Safety Council, advising that their job is to implement private and public agencies concerned with or responsible for accident prevention and they depend upon the voluntary services of their officers and directors as it is a non-profit safety educational group. From a student of the California Labor School, protesting the decision of the Council to withhold its support from the school pending the completion of the Tenney Committee findings. From the Building Trades Council, minutes of their meeting of October 3. From the California State Federation of Labor, Weekly News Letter dated October 9.

BILLS were read, approved by the trustees and ordered paid.

DONATIONS—To the Organizational and Strategy Committee—Office Employees No. 36—\$50; Ship Painters No. 961—\$785; Municipal Park Employees No. 311—\$150, and Teamsters No. 85—\$4,000.

RESOLUTION—Submitted by the Central Labor Council of Solano County, resolving to oppose the attempts of individuals from the left and the right who would attempt to destroy our form of government. Motion made and seconded to adopt; carried.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—From Beauticians No. 12, advising that they are reducing their number of delegates to the Council from four to three. From the Local Joint Executive Board, requesting strike sanction against Tasty Kosher, 1279 Golden Gate avenue and College Fountain, 1233 Van Ness avenue. From the Operating Engineers No. 39, requesting strike sanction against the San Francisco Ice Rink. From Electrical Workers No. B-1245, requesting strike sanction against the stores represented by the Employers' Council, namely, City of Paris, The Emporium, Hale Brothers, Raphael Weill and Company, Sherman Clay and Company, O'Connor, Moffatt and Company. From the Newspaper and Periodical Drivers No. 921, enclosing a copy of their agreement incorporating proposed revision in relation to wages and working conditions.

REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY—From Beauticians No. 12, requesting a reply on the action taken on the Shanara-La Beauty Salon, 1677 Washington street.

REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Telegram from Tony Costa, Delegate to the American Federation of Labor Convention being held in Chicago, requesting permission of the Council to invite the American Federation of Labor Convention to San Francisco in 1947; amendment, that the Committee be given full power to act; carried.

REFERRED TO THE "LABOR CLARION"—From the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, enclosing a copy of a letter sent in reply to a letter received from the ILWU Longshore Negotiating Committee.

REFERRED TO THE METAL TRADES COUNCIL—From Congressman Franck R. Havenner, enclosing a copy of a letter in reference to the shortage of steel sheets and strip in California.

REFERRED TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE—From William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, urging that a forceful campaign be inaugurated in order to lift the economic standard of teachers employed in the public schools of the Nation.

REFERRED TO THE LAW AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE—From the Judiciary Committee of the Board of Supervisors enclosing a copy of the latest draft of the proposed charter amendment designed to revise the present provision of the charter with respect to the City Planning Department.

REFERRED TO THE LETTER CARRIERS, No. 214—From the President of the United States Civil Service Commission in reference to the holding of a clerk carrier examination for probational appointment for the San Francisco Post Office.

REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT No. 1—From Carmen's Union No. 1380, naming their delegates to this committee.

DELEGATES, TAKE NOTE—From Florists No. 167, advising that they are starting an extensive organizing drive in the flower and nursery industry in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties and enclosing a card which they request be signed and returned to their local.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT—The report of the meeting held on Thursday, October 3, of the Alameda County and San Francisco County Committee to prosecute the boycott against the White Log Taverns was read and contents

First Week of Chest Fund Collections 36% of Total

At the completion of its opening week of campaigning for funds throughout San Francisco, the San Francisco Community Chest has raised \$1,228,078, or 36.7 per cent of its goal of \$3,350,000, Adrien J. Falk, campaign chairman, reported early this week.

"Although this is an excellent start toward the chest goal," Mr. Falk said, "we still have a long way to go if the needs of 70 chest health, welfare and recreation agencies as well as USO in San Francisco, are to be met.

"We must maintain the rate of giving that was set in last year's campaign to keep our pledge to the children of San Francisco, who will receive approximately 70 per cent of the funds sought in this chest drive."

Labor Press Warmly Praised By AFL Executive Council

CHICAGO (ILNS)—The American Federation of Labor executive council warmly praised the Labor press in its annual report.

The council stated that "a vitally important information medium utilized by the American Federation of Labor this year, as in the past, is the loyal Labor press. The services of the Labor press in promulgating and promoting the cause of the Nation's wage earners during the post-war period deserves the highest commendation."

In conclusion the council said in this section of its report:

"The executive council pledges its support to every practical step to provide new opportunities for the growth and development of the bona fide Labor Press."

Mother of Rowland Woodfin Dies

Death came to Mrs. Cornelia Woodfin, mother of *Labor Clarion's* Advertising Manager Rowland Woodfin, on October 12. A native of Georgia, the late Mrs. Woodfin was in her 79th year at time of death. Besides her son, she is survived by a daughter, Miss J. W. Woodfin. Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 15, at the Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland. Burial will be in the family plot at Savannah, Ga.

noted. (Report of the committee was concurred in as a whole.)

REPORTS OF UNIONS—Delegate Mowinkel, Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90, reported that his local has gone on record as condemning the California Labor School. Delegate May, Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90, reported that at the request of the Secretary of Labor, he visited Washington, D. C., in an attempt to settle the existing dispute with the ship owners. No satisfactory results being achieved, he returned to the Pacific Coast and is conferring with the ship owners. He also wished to thank every organization for the support his local has received at this time. Delegate Poulou, Casket Workers No. 94, reported that his International Association had withdrawn employees of casket companies on the Pacific Coast.

NEW BUSINESS—It was moved and seconded that strike sanction be granted the Casket Workers' Union. Amendment offered to refer the matter to the Executive Committee on Monday, October 14; all unions involved to be notified by telephone and employers involved to be notified by wire; amendment carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—It was announced that there would be a meeting of the Executive Committee on Monday, October 14. Chairman Rotell announced replacements for the Organizational and Strategy Committee; namely, Thomas Rotell replacing A. B. Crossler, alternate C. H. Jinkerson; John A. O'Connell replacing Charles Hardy, alternate Al Lorenzetti, and the next meeting of this committee will be held Tuesday, October 15, at 10 a. m. Secretary Pro Tem Johns announced that a report of the Committee on Education would be given next Friday, October 18.

Receipts, \$3,545.00; disbursements, \$212.97.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p. m.

GEORGE W. JOHNS, Secretary Pro Tem.

Bay Area Labor Week

OCTOBER 9—Captain C. F. May returned to San Francisco and reported to his union's membership on Washington negotiations; Masters, Mates and Pilots will return to original demands, which include hiring hall . . . a federal mediator from Washington arrived to seek solution for over 3700 grievances filed against Southern Pacific by Order of Railroad Conductors.

OCTOBER 10—Ira Mosher, head man for National Association of Manufacturers, calls for firm United States Labor policy with the always-proposed compulsory arbitration deal, etc., etc.

OCTOBER 11—Veterans' Administration's decision to continue payment to California Labor School protested by American Veterans of World War II . . . regional wage stabilization board industry members indicate their desire to resign following resignation of industry members from national tribunal.

OCTOBER 12—It is reported that Masters, Mates and Pilots and Pacific-American Shipowners' Association settled wage question and that other issues could be settled comparatively quick if the preferential hiring question was out of the way.

OCTOBER 13—National convention of Masters, Mates and Pilots' Association will convene in San Francisco October 21 with all national leaders present . . . Musicians' Union, No. 6, voted to permit members to work in Copacabana following bounding to Superior Court of four men charged with serving poisoned drinks to musicians several weeks ago.

OCTOBER 14—Press dispatch from Santa Rosa stated that Sawmill Workers' Union lost a demurrer to a temporary injunction; the Northwestern Pacific Railroad seeks permanent injunction to stop union picketing trains asserted to have struck lumber on board.

OCTOBER 15—International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have petitioned for collective bargaining election in PGE's San Francisco division . . . Representative Franck Havenner protested to Navy Secretary Forrestal the proposed 30 per cent reduction in navy yard personnel.

British Labor Presses for Wages-Hours Adjustment

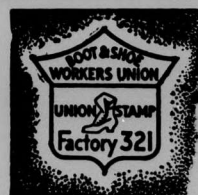
LONDON (AFLN)—Three questions are assuming increasing importance in Britain's trade union movement. They are the demand for a 40-hour week, the claim of women for equal pay for equal work, and the growing insistence in a number of quarters for a re-statement of Britain's wages policy.

Efforts are being made to persuade women to remain in the factories instead of returning to domestic duties. The general acceptance of the principle that women should be paid the same rates as men would obviously have a big effect, as has been shown by certain industries, notably road passenger transport, where the principle of the "rate for the job for women" has been won.

69th Annual Grand Ball

On Saturday evening, October 26, the Draymen and Teamsters' Benevolent Society will stage their 69th annual grand ball at Foresters' Hall, 170 Valencia street. This year's affair gives promise of outdoing all previous affairs.

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Legislative Record of Jack Shelley Reviewed

John F. Shelley was first elected from San Francisco to the State Senate at Sacramento in 1938. He became a candidate in that year because of requests by citizens representing all classes in the community. Although his public career began from the ranks of Labor, his service became so noteworthy in the public's interest in various civic, social and humanitarian activities that he had come to earn the confidence and respect of the entire city.

So well did he fulfill his obligations as a senator to his own community and to the people of the State at large, that he was re-elected in 1942 without opposition, a very signal tribute to his accomplishments and legislative capacity.

The following are some of the measures which stand to Senator Shelley's eight-year record at Sacramento:

Disability Bill: The Disability Insurance Bill, of which Senator Shelley was the father, was the result of seven years of battling by Senator Shelley at Sacramento. This law provides sickness benefits for 2,500,000 workers and has been declared to be "the most beneficial welfare legislation since the Workmen's Compensation Act 25 years ago." This sickness insurance benefits 1,500,000 workers outside the ranks of Organized Labor.

Education: Senator Shelley has been a consistent champion of the public schools and of increased pay for elementary teachers. He is supporting State Amendment No. 3 providing for a minimum of \$2,400 per year for elementary teachers. He has been called the "father" of the \$5,000,000 appropriation for the State Teachers' College at Lake Merced, San Francisco.

Veterans: He has been a consistent supporter of all veteran legislation at Sacramento and especially in securing reduction of interest rates on loans.

Agriculture: He has been called by fellow senators "the city's champion of agriculture," supporting interior senators in matters of rural legislation. He secured a \$100,000 a year appropriation for the San Francisco Livestock Pavilion to promote better relations, in the way of livestock shows, with the interior.

He was the author of the Apprentice Training Act which has been approved by both Labor and management.

He was the author of the Loan Shark Bill, sharply limiting charges to borrowers.

He fought for improvement of roads, highways and harbors in California and fathered the Sausalito highway lateral to Golden Gate Bridge.

He consistently fought against discrimination because of race, color, or creed.

He secured marked improvements in old-age pension laws.

He has been a consistent champion of the Central Valley power project.

Coopers' Convention City

BOSTON (ILNS)—The 28th general convention of the Coopers' International Union of North America will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, instead of Memphis, Tenn., the membership has been notified. The meeting is set for the week of May 5, 1947.

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San Francisco Calendar

General Albert Orsborn, newly elected Supreme Commander of the Salvation Army and its activities in 97 countries and colonies of the world, will visit San Francisco between October 19 and October 23; many events are planned for General Orsborn's visit . . . gala doings are promised those attending the annual grand charity ball of San Francisco Division No. 17, AOH, on the evening of November 2 . . . the annual Hallowe'en party of San Francisco Lodge No. 3, BPOE, in the clubrooms of the order gives promise of a grand time for Saturday evening, November 2.

"God didn't intend this world to be governed by the few."—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

AFL for Continued Fight on Poll Tax

CHICAGO (ILNS)—The American Federation of Labor executive council urged that the Federation continue efforts to abolish the poll tax, which it characterized as "obnoxious."

"We have consistently opposed the poll tax for years and in several Congresses have supported legislative proposals providing for its abolishment," the council said in its annual report, pointing out that on several occasions the House of Representatives has passed anti-poll tax legislation but that it has been filibustered to death on each occasion in the Senate.

Seven States still require payment of the tax as prerequisite for voting.

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